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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

FOR: TURBAY INAUGURATION DEL

1. ON AUGUST 5, I HAD CORDIAL ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, RICARDO ANYA. ANAYA, AN INTELLECTUAL, FORMER OVANDO SUPPORTER AND EX-COMMUNIST WHOSE INVOLVEMENT IN BOLIVIAN POLITICS EXTENDS BACK TO THE EARLY 1930S, MAY BE ONE OF THE FEW IDEALOGUES IN A GOVERNMENT OF PRAGMATISTS.

2. I REITERED OUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA AND TO SEEK THE KIND OF PRODUCTIVE COLLABORATION THAT HAD CHARACTERIZED U.S.-BOLIVIAN RELATIONSHIPS OVER MANY YEARS. I CONGRATULATED HIM NOT ONLY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER BUT ALSO ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE INTERIM PRESIDENCY DURING THE TIME PEREDA WOULD BE IN BOGOTA. ANAYA SAID IT NOW LOOKED AS IF PEREDA WOULD HAVE TO STAY IN BOGOTA UNTIL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY BECAUSE OF THE TURBAY INAUG-URATION SCHEDULE AND PEREDA'S POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE ANDEAN PACT SUMMIT MEETING. ANAYA ASKED FOR BACKGROUND ON THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE TURBAY INAUGURATION, AND I GAVE HIM
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THE PARTICULARS ON SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY. I TOLD ANAYA I HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE SCHEDULES OUR OUR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE IN BOGOTA, BUT I ASSUMED THEY WOULD TRY TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT IF PRESIDENT PEREDA WANTED TO GIVE THEM A PERSONAL VIEW OF HIS AUGUST 6 SPEECH AND HIS INTENTIONS AS PRESIDENT. ANAYA THOUGH THAT PRESIDENT PEREDA, HIS KEY ADVISOR EDWIN TAPI, OR BOTH WOULD

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WANT TO SEEK THIS OPPORTUNTIY.

3. I TOLD ANAYA THAT WE WERE AWARE HIS LONG-TIME INTEREST IN SOLUTIONS TO BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA, AND WE WOULD BE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THE POLICY STUDIES HE HAD INITIATED SO THAT WE COULD JUDGE WHAT ROLE THE U.S. MIGHT PLAY IN THIS PROBLEM, IN WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST. ANAYA RECAPED AT SOME LENGTH HIS PERSONAL CONCEPT OF A SOLUTION TO THE SEA OUTLET PROBLEM. HIS MAIN POINTS WERE --NO MODERN SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF OUTMODED CONCEPTS OF EXCLUSIVE PIECES OF SOVEREIGNTY

--ARICA SHOULD BE INTERNATIONALIZED, WITH EQUAL RIGHTS IN THE PORT FOR ALL THREE COUNTRIES

--AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE SHOULD BE CREATED AROUND ARICA AND EXTENDING UP TO THE PERUVIAN BORDER, IN WHICH ENTERPRISES OF ALL THREE NATIONS COULD PARTICIPATE UNDER GENEROUS INTERNATIONAL FINANCING INCENTIVES.

HE DID NOT MENTION A CORRIDOR.

4. I REVIEWED THE PROBLEM OF OUR ABORTED EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE TREATY ON EXECUTIION OF PENAL SENTENCES ON JULY 21, AND THE NEED TO NOW PROCEED, GIVEN THE PERSONAL TRAGEDY OF MANY CONFIDENTIAL

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DISAPPOINTED PARENTS AND PRISONERS. I WAS SURE THAT PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY WOULD BE A BOLIVIAN GESTURE WELL RECEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES. ANAYA ASSURED ME THAT EITHER PEREDA THIS WEEKEND, OR ANAYA HIMSELF ON TUESDAY AS ACTING PRESIDENT, WOULD SIGN THE INSTURMENT OF RATIFICATION. HE SAID THAT BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ITURRALDE COULD CARRY THE DOCUMENT BACK TO THE U.S. ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, ENABLING US TO EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION EARLY IN THE WEEK OF 14 AND TO CARRY OUT THE FIRST PRISONER EXCHANGE THE SAME WEEK. I TOLD ANAYA I THOUGHT HIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT SCHEDULE (HAVING IN MIND THAT BY THIS TIME WE CAN HOPEFULLY HAVE DANIEL GOLDMAN READY TO GO AS WELL AS THE 9 PRISONERS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER.)

5. COMMENT: IF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY OR BOTH CAN SEE PEREDA BRIEFLY IN BOGOTA, THIS COULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN GETTING HIM TO ESCALATE HIS COMMITMENT TO A REASONABLE PLAN FOR COMPLETING BOLIVIA'S RETURN TO CON-SITITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF 1979. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, A LITTLE EXPLANATION OF HOW THE IMF COULD HELP PEREDA WITH HIS SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

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